Records, Theft of

Dear Dave and, 11/26/93

Gallen's letter that with my response is enclosed did disturb me. There is something other than he indicates because as you will see, I gave no indication of any distrust and had none. Lil and I have theories about it but no more.

I think that on NEVER AGAIN! he is thinking stereotypically ~~in~~ as an orthodox publisher regarding all subjects and all books as alike and to be thought of and treated as all others are. I'm disappointed at his lack of vision and of giving it any real thought at all. He also did not discuss anything with me. From his letter it seems that he plans it for the next anniversary. If I had any alternative I'd probably accept it. But I can think of none. I doubt the Sheridan Square people will have anything to with me after that Oliver Stone business. But the book is a natural for them and the little in it they might not like I'd not object to eliminating.

The John Newmans were here for Thanksgiving dinner, improvised, and I was able to help him. I was also much impressed both by him and the work he is doing in the newly-available CIA records. I then also discovered more thievery. I've a separate memo on that. I told him how the one record in particular that would be important for him can be duplicated at the archives and by 10 a.m. he had done that and phoned me about it. He sees the importance I do in it and I am pretty sure, more. That is the actual Oswald number the Texans gave Rankin and Warren, Not S-172 but a CIA number, 110669.

He is also working on a book on Kennedy and Cuba. We discussed that only briefly.

I think it is a great idea. He was interested in some of the things I said about it and about Tiger to Ride.

The CIA lied about not having any interest in Oswald and he has the proof, including the three components that had special interest. He has not been able to get any satisfactory explanation from it.

We got so animated and involved in talking that we forgot to open the bottle of excellent wine they brought.

Jerry did get to meet him briefly. He said you and he had met.

He is going to send me the full prepared statement he gave to the Conyers committee.

If you want a copy please let me know.

I've only a little bit more to do on Livingstone and then I'll lay it aside unread until after - read the retyped Hoax ms.

hope you all had a good holiday,

Harold